

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of June 9, 2008**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Roger LeClair, Selectmen Melvin Adams (absent), Kenneth Johnson, Charles Morse, and Gregory Sanders. Also present were Town Manager Nanci Allard, Clerk Samantha Baraw, Warren Hagy (Board of Listers), Steve Fitzhugh, Brian Fitzgerald (Vermont Agency of Natural Resources), and Clark Amadon (Trout Unlimited).

Chair LeClair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **May 12, 2008 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 3-0-1, with Chair LeClair abstaining.**

III. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

- a. **Warrant #25-08.** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Sanders, to approve Warrant #25-08 in the amount of \$65,514.10. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- b. **Validation of Warrant #24-08.** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to validate the warrant. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- a. **Clark Amadon, Trout Unlimited (MadDog Chapter): Cox Brook Dam update.** Last summer, Trout Unlimited had asked about the removal of the Cox Brook Dam. They are doing volunteer work to improve the habitat of the fishery. They spoke to the owners and neighbors and were greeted with acceptance of the work to be done. There has been an application and permit submitted for the approval of the removal of the dam. The project is out to bid; they are meeting with prospective bidders this week. The bids close the end of the month. The goal is to start the work the middle of July and complete it by the end of September. The project is funded with federal money (US Fish & Wildlife).

V. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a. **Status Reports: Various Projects**
1. **Park & Ride.** The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) has offered a park & ride program and wanted to know if Northfield was interested. You need to have to have room for at least ten (10) cars. Manager Allard will request more information.
 2. **Merger Committee:** The next meeting is Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
 3. **Signage for Safe Routes 2 School:** No further updates from the State.
 4. **Northfield Wellfield.** Trustees are going to put in test wells at the Wellfield to monitor the water quality near the old dump.
 5. **Dispatching for emergency services (ambulance and fire).** The cost has increased from \$50,000 to \$132,500. We do not know what Northfield's share will be.
 6. **Ambulance Fees.** The Selectboard approved a rate increase last year and the current rates are still in line with those around the region.

VI. SELECTBOARD

- a. **General Obligation Bond (Northfield Police Station): \$900,000.** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Sanders, to approve the bonds for \$900,000. Selectman Morse is concerned because there's no interest rate listed, the bids are not back yet, and the cost doesn't take into account several factors (i.e., Town employees doing work, the cost of tearing down the old Teen Center, etc.). Counsel expected Board would sign it. The final information will be available at the next regular meeting (06/23/08). Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to table this item until next regular meeting. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- b. **Executive Summary: Katz Driveway Permit Application.** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Sanders, to approve the permit. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- c. **Accounts Receivable – Uncollectable (Ambulance Fees).** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to accept the abatements in the total amount of \$27,841.16. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- d. **Planning Commission Appointment.** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and appoint Mary Dollenmaier to the vacant position on the Planning Commission. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- e. **Fire Warden Reappointment.** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Sanders, to reappoint Brian Elwell. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- f. **Work within Town Rights-of-Way.** Selectman Sanders provided a recommendation to the Board. Selectman Morse stated he would like to have this reviewed by Municipal staff before it is adopted by the Board. This matter will be on the next agenda.
- g. **Summer Meeting Schedule.** Manager Allard proposed to have only one meeting in July and one meeting in August. The Board would like to leave the schedule as it is.
- h. **Status Reports: Various Projects**
 1. **Bear Farm Road.** Selectman Johnson and Sanders did a site review of work performed on this road by Jamie Demasi. There were some small changes that should be done but otherwise the work done was satisfactory.
 2. **Missing Person Search.** Thank you to all those members of the Ambulance Service and Fire Department who volunteered to help search for a missing person up on Bull Run.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Non-agenda items

- a. **Warren Hagy.** Regarding Manager Allard's report on dispatching fees, Mr. Hagy wanted to know if there was an awareness on how the fees are prorated currently. Mr. Hagy also wondered what may happen to the bond market in the coming year. The municipal bond banks now are struggling to make their loans.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT. Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Sanders, to adjourn. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.